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Attorney Reference Number 4239-54279-01
Application Number 09/595,580

Remarks:

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks. The claims have been allowed, and prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*.

Objection to the Specification

Applicants acknowledge the objection to the specification concerning the use of the word "color." The word "color" is also used in claim 25. To clarify, Applicants have amended the specification to indicate that the drawings are in fact black and white. Because the original text (e.g., at page 35, lines 21 et seq.) included description of color, embodiments involving color are supported, even if color drawings were not submitted. Thus, claim 25 is supported by the application as filed.

Accordingly, no new matter has been added by the amendments.

Request for Interview

If any issues remain, the Examiner is formally requested to contact the undersigned attorney prior to issuance of the next Office Action in order to arrange a telephonic interview. It is believed that a brief discussion of the merits of the present application may expedite prosecution. Applicants submit the foregoing formal Amendment so that the Examiner may fully evaluate Applicants' position, thereby enabling the interview to be more focused.

This request is being submitted under MPEP § 713.01, which indicates that an interview may be arranged in advance by a written request.

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Conclusion

The claims in their present form should now be allowable. Such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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